



CUMBERLAND Wastewater Upgrades Newsletter

A quarterly update on Cumberland's high performance lagoon upgrade

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Hello from the Village of Cumberland's Wastewater Upgrades Project team. This is our sixth issue of our project update newsletter which will keep you informed on progress on this important infrastructure upgrade. For more information and ongoing updates, check out the website at cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades



The new operations/workshop building was built and installed by Cumberland-based Muchalat Construction.

BUILDING INSTALLATION MARKS KEY IMPROVEMENT FOR PROJECT

Work on Cumberland's Wastewater Upgrades Project is picking up speed as the project team prepares for the significant lagoon changes, after completing other key site improvements.

A key part of the improvements was recently completed with the installation of the new operations building at the site. The facility is a modular construction completed by Muchalat Construction, whose headquarters are just down the road from the treatment facility.

The building marks an important improvement for the facility, which has previously operated with no on-site operations centre and very limited storage. This will make it more feasible for the facility to be properly managed, given the additional treatment stages that will be added to the wastewater treatment system.

Following the approval of a revised budget and borrowing (see "Successful AAP" sidebar on Pg. 2), the project team is now ready to roll forward with the change to the lagoons and treatment systems. Work will continue to summer 2025.

The Wastewater Upgrades Project is required to meet provincial treatment requirements and fulfill goals to release safe water into Maple Lake Creek and Trent River. It will improve screening, add extra aeration and disinfection, among other improvements.

For more information about the Wastewater Upgrades Project, and the latest updates, visit Cumberland.ca/wastewaterupgrades

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE

Here's the most current milestone schedule for the coming year.

Winter 2023/2024

Building Construction

Late Summer 2024

Groundwork/Lagoon
Work Reactivates

Summer 2025

Construction Completion

Fall 2025

Commissioning

Q4 2025

Project Completion





SUCCESSFUL AAP

In May/June 2024, the Village of Cumberland held an Alternate Approval Process to seek approval for additional borrowing to fund the increased project budget on the Wastewater Upgrades Project.

The AAP was successful, allowing the Village to proceed with borrowing an additional \$2.5 million to cover the additional costs that have accumulated due to increased materials costs, unexpected site conditions, delays in detailed design and a partial re-design to build in climate resiliency.

Thank you to everyone who reviewed the information and considered their AAP response. A summary of the AAP process and information is available on the project website for review.




FINAL STAGE OF LWMP KICKING OFF

The long-term plan for wastewater management in the Village is moving into its final stage this fall.

The Liquid Waste Management Plan - a long-term plan required by the Province - was started originally in 2016 with Stages 1 and 2 completed and submitted in 2018. That plan maps out critical next steps for the Wastewater Upgrade Project, and the Village turned its focus to the urgent and necessary improvements for the wastewater treatment lagoons.

With that process now well in hand, the Village is looping back to the final step in the LWMP process - Stage 3, to be completed by the end of 2024. Stage 3 is largely focused on 'wrapping up' the intensive planning work of earlier stages: reporting back to the community about the plan ahead, completing environmental impact study, and completing the operational certificate process for wastewater management into the future.

We want you to participate too! Here's how you can get involved:

-  **Join the Committee:** The Advisory Committee created for Stage 1 & 2 will be re-established, but new members are welcome to join. We expect two meetings to be held in the fall to review the plan and provide feedback.
-  **Attend an Infosession:** Presentations will be given the evening of Sept. 26, 2024, in Council Chambers. Join us for an overview of the work completed and provide your feedback. Presentations at 4:45 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.
-  **Share your Input Online:** An online engagement page has been created for the project - join us there for the latest info and share comments/questions: engagemoxvalley.ca/cumberland-lwmp

STAY IN TOUCH

This update is issued by the Village of Cumberland to keep the community informed about the Cumberland Wastewater Upgrade project.

To stay updated about the project's progress:

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